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SEPTEMBER 21-27, TENNESSEE OLDER WORKER EMPLOYMENT WEEK

STATE OF TENNESSEE SUPPORTS EFFORT TO AID SENIORS SEEKING TO REMAIN IN WORKFORCE

NASHVILLE, TN—Governor Phil Bredesen today announced he has proclaimed September 21-27 Older Worker Employment Week in Tennessee.

Tennessee's Older Worker Employment Week is part of a national effort to honor America's working seniors for their dedication, determination and motivation to contribute to today's workforce. Bredesen's proclamation describes the willingness, abilities, diversity and active lifestyles practiced by today's seniors.

"I applaud Governor Bredesen for his recognition of our state's seniors who continue to contribute to the workforce after the traditional age of retirement," said Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development Commissioner James Neeley. "Many issues face our seniors today, and we as Tennesseans should do all in our power to ensure employment opportunities are available to them."

The Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development offers seniors subsidized employment in a variety of fields while they train to transition into full or part-time unsubsidized careers in the public and private sectors. This effort is supported by the United States Department of Labor, which funds the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP). SCSEP has offices across the state, offering employment and training opportunities to more than 1,100 Tennessee seniors each year.

"The older workers of our state are experienced, reliable and productive, and their contribution to Tennessee's workforce is invaluable," Neeley said.

To find out how your business can become involved in Tennessee's Older Worker Employment Week, contact your local Tennessee Career Center or Paulette Osborne in the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, at (615) 741-8777.

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